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<b>International filing date (day/month/year)</b> 08 October 1999 (08.10.99)	<b>Priority date (day/month/year)</b> 08 October 1998 (08.10.98)
<b>Applicant</b> LEACH, Roger, John	

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International application No. PCT/GB99/03333	International filing date (day/month/year) 08 October 1999 (08.10.99)	Priority date (day/month/year) 08 October 1998 (08.10.98)	
Applicant THORSTONE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT LIMITED et al			

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:

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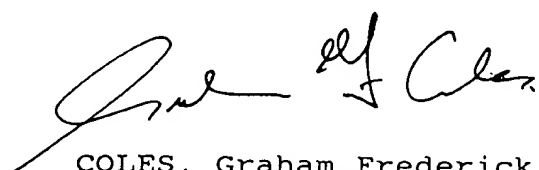
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<b>(54) Title:</b> METHOD OF COATING AND METHOD OF BONDING		
<b>(57) Abstract</b>  Coatings (1, 2) on a glass substrate (3) are formed by laying down layers of different thermosetting materials one upon the other in powder form on surface (4). The powder of transparent coating (1) has a higher-cure rate than that of colour coating (2) so that when heat is applied, coating (2) remains in the melt condition while the coating hardens, to bond with and enable rolling out onto coating (1), as well as bonding with a backing (5). Materials of different cure-rates are also used for bonding substrates together by bringing the two materials together while one is partly-cured and the other in the melt condition.		

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>PA/GS98 PCT</b>	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. <b>PCT/GB 99/ 03333</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>08/10/1999</b>	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) <b>08/10/1998</b>
Applicant <b>THORSTONE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT LIMITED et al.</b>		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

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☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

**METHOD OF COATING AND METHOD OF BONDING**

5. With regard to the abstract,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

☐ None of the figures.

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### INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>PA/GS98 PCT</b>	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC <b>C03C17/34</b>		
Applicant <b>THORSTONE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT LIMITED et al.</b>		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand <b>04/05/2000</b>	Date of completion of this report <b>01.08.2000</b>
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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY  
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/GB99/03333

**I. Basis of the report**

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

**Description, pages:**

1-11 as originally filed

**Claims, No.:**

1-9 as originally filed

**Drawings, sheets:**

1/2-2/2 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:  
☐ the claims, Nos.:  
☐ the drawings, sheets:

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:



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**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims
	No:	Claims 1-9 no
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims
	No:	Claims 1-9 no
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-9 yes
	No:	Claims

**2. Citations and explanations**

**see separate sheet**

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1) Reference is made to the following documents:

D1	US-A-4265947	D3	FR-A-2361311
D4	US-A-4171056	D6	WO-A-9102648.

TO SECTION V

2) The present application does not fulfil the requirements of Article 33(2) PCT:

2a) CLAIMS 1-6 COATING

D1 ( column 4, line 21- column 5, line 18) discloses a method of coating, wherein materials exhibiting different cure rates are used and wherein a material having a higher cure rate (ink: examples; abstract) is 1st applied and then a material having a lower curing rate ( finely divided resin : column 4, lines 21-34; column 6, lines 41-45) is applied in order to achieve an improved adherence to the substrate (column 6, lines 59-68). The coating may contain pigments (ink: column 2, lines 50-57; column 3, lines 3-14) and the fused materials may be transparent (column 4, lines 28-37).

It is noted that the same objection (Article 33(2) PCT) is valid as regards

-D3 (abstract; page 4, line 25- page 6, line 29; claims),

- D4 (abstract; column 3, line 42- column 5, line 11; claims)

Accordingly claims 1-6 of the present application do not fulfil the requirements of Article 33(2) PCT.

2b) CLAIMS 7-9 BONDING TWO SURFACES TOGETHER

D6 (abstract; figure 2/4; page 2, line 28- page 3, line 19; claims ) discloses a method of bonding 2 surfaces together wherein the bond is effected by using two bonding materials exhibiting different cure rates with the lower-cure-rate material being applied on the higher-cure-rate material.

According to D6 (page 3, line 35-page 4, line 10; claim 12 ) the material may contain pigments .

Accordingly claims 7-9 do not fulfil the requirements of Article 33(2) PCT.

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3) Even if the subject-matter of the present application would be amended as to be formally novel of the the cited prior art, in the light of the teachings of D1, D3, D4 and D6 the present application does not fulfil the requirements of Article 33(3) PCT.